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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the requirement for restriction to one of the listed groups of claims under

35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-3, 11-13 and 22, drawn to a group B

Streptococcus protein, or polypeptide, peptide fragments, and a kit, requiring SEQ ID Nos. from

Figs. 1 and 2 for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants reserve the right to request

rejoinder of method claims drawn to methods of making and using the polypeptide product of

Group 1 upon allowance of one or more claims.

In accordance with the requirement for election of species, Applicants further elects as

species the protein of SEQ ID No. 24 (N-terminus sequence MTKKHLTKLA, originally given

the identification of ID-87 in Figure 1 of the application). Elected claims 1, 3, 11-13, and 22

read on the elected species.

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